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Pending Health Legislation

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Following are abstracts of some of the public health bills now pending in the Legislature.

S. B. 50—Fletcher: Referred to Committee on Finance. This bill provides for meeting the deficiency in the appropriation of the Bureau of Tuberculosis for subsidies for county hospitals. The sum of \$150,000 is requested as an emergency appropriation.

S. B. 77—Mixter: Referred to Committee on Public Health and Quarantine. Amends the Tuberculosis Subsidy Act so as to permit the formation of a committee to supervise the construction and maintenance of a tuberculosis hospital to be erected by a group of counties. Representation shall be from each county as nearly as possible in proportion to the interest of the county in the hospital, but there shall be at least one member from each county; shall be a county supervisor. If counties are unable to agree on representation or in case of controversy the matter shall be referred to and decided by the State Bureau of Tuberculosis. The bill also provides that all funds received from any source for such hospital shall be deposited in the county treasury of the county in which the hospital is located. All claims for the operation of the hospital shall be paid by the county auditor of the same county, the district attorney of which shall be the legal advisor. Provision is made for the transaction of the business of the hospital in another county if the committee so desires.

A. B. 1927—Flint: Referred to Committee on Hospitals and Asylums. Amends Tuberculosis Subsidy Act for preventorium so as to remove the establishment of necessary standards from the jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Health and Bureau of Tuberculosis. This would make the State subsidy available to counties without the fulfillment of essential standards, and should not be permitted to pass.

A. B. 1928—Flint: Referred to Committee on Hospitals and Asylums. Amends Tuberculosis Subsidy Act for county hospitals so as to remove the establishment of necessary standards from the jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Health and Bureau of Tuberculosis. This would make the State subsidy available to counties without the fulfillment of essential standards.

S. B. 22—Perry: Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Provides for registration of all persons upon a uniform blank prescribed by the Secretary of State, the original to go to the registrant, the duplicate to the county clerk, and the triplicate to be sent to the State Division of Vital Statistics as a permanent record. No appropriation is provided either for the printing of the cards by the State Printer or for filing them in the Division of Vital Statistics.

A. B. 52—Peterson: Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Amends section 15a of the Vital Statistics Registration Act so as to make a certificate of birth

for an adopted child which gives the names of foster parents, unavailable to natural parents. This would eliminate difficulties that have been encountered by foster parents.

A. B. 390—Crowley: Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Amends section 15a of the Vital Statistics Act so as to make a birth certificate for an adopted child with the names of foster parents, instead of natural parents, as the only birth certificate open to public inspection. Such certificate shall be identical with the birth certificate issued to natural parents for the birth of a child. This act would provide necessary protection to children born illegitimately.

A. B. 391—Fisher: Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Amends section 15a of the Vital Statistics Registration Act so as to make a birth certificate for an adopted child accessible to no one except upon order of a court of record.

A. B. 1787—Crowley: Referred to Committee on Judiciary. This act amends section 15c of the Vital Statistics Registration Act so as to provide for amendments to the birth certificate of a child born before the marriage of its parents so as to make the birth certificate the same as for a child born legitimately. The original record and affidavits of correction are not open to inspection of any other than the parents, the child and their attorneys except upon written authority of a judge of the superior court. This bill is commendable in that it provides adequate protection to illegitimate children.

S. B. 1056—Biggar: Referred to Committee on Governmental Efficiency. Amends section 12 of the Vital Statistics Registration Act so as to provide for the registration of children that may have been born before the time when the State Vital Statistics Registration Act went into effect. The passage of the act in its present form would conflict with several other sections of the Vital Statistics Registration Act. Births are not eligible for registration after the lapse of one year from the occurrence of such event, except upon establishment of the fact of birth in the superior court.

The key to the world of the future and to the wise fraternity of all races lies in the liberation of the child from the bondage of others' error and sin; from disease and debility, from desertion and want, from ignorance and passion above all, that are visited on the helpless to the third and fourth generation. The heart of a child is friendly to all; like the baby of Della Robbia its limbs are bound, but its arms go out to its fellows. Its single claim is to be allowed to love; its one revenge to die if, for an hour, we neglect it.—Romain Rolland.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUES REPORT

Dr. C. M. Burchfiel, health officer of Santa Clara County, has issued the annual report of that department. While the health officer does not devote his full time to his office, the staff is employed upon a full time basis and standard public health activities are carried on. The department is organized into bureaus of administration, sanitation and inspection, communicable disease control, maternity, infant and child welfare, vital statistics and laboratory service. Approximately 82,000 individuals residing in Santa Clara County are within the jurisdiction of the county health department.

There were 1430 cases of communicable diseases reported to the department last year. Most of these were measles, mumps and chickenpox. There were but 10 cases of diphtheria reported. Under an agreement with the county medical society, diphtheria and smallpox immunizations were done by members of the society in their offices at no cost for those unable to pay, or a fee of \$1 for those who were able to pay. The health department provided all materials free. No cases of smallpox were reported in the county last year.

An intensive campaign in tuberculosis control was conducted. In addition to routine chest clinics, tuberculin skin testing services were made available to private physicians. The tests were made, interpreted and reports sent to private physicians. Physicians who preferred to do their own testing were provided with materials at no cost. Last year 1806 such tests were given, as a result of which 6 active cases of tuberculosis were found. These were in individuals who were 14, 15, 17 and 18 years of age. Tuberculosis mortality statistics indicate that definite results have been achieved in Santa Clara County through the activities of tuberculosis control that have been carried on.

The cities of Gilroy, Los Gatos, Mountain View, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale and Willow Glen enjoyed the public health services maintained by the county health department, each city having contracted for such services last year. The net cost of the Department per capita was 20.6 cents.

The real wealth of the nation does not consist in its money, in the value of its trade, or in the extent of its dominion. These are valuable only as they help to maintain a population and not only a part of it, of the right quality; men, women and children possessing bodily vigor, alert mind, firm character, courage and self-control.—Sir Arthur Newsholme.

SAN JOSE HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

The San Jose city health department, Dr. H. C. Brown, health officer, has issued its annual report for the year 1934. It is printed attractively upon a good quality of paper and represents a creditable history of the activities carried on last year in the maintenance of public health within the city of San Jose. The report covers the standard public health activities of the community, including vital statistics, communicable disease control, school health, public health education, milk, meat, food and slaughter houses inspection, general sanitary inspection, plumbing and laboratory.

The estimated population of San Jose last year was 64,850. There were 735 births last year to residents of San Jose, 85 per cent of which births occurred in hospitals. The infant mortality rate was 29.9, which is much lower than the rate for the State. Furthermore, this infant mortality rate represents an adjusted rate, not the crude rate.

During the year, 837 cases of communicable diseases were reported. Of these, 213 were measles, 195 chicken pox and 146 scarlet fever. There were but 16 cases of epidemic poliomyelitis reported, although the disease was widely epidemic throughout the State. The increase in scarlet fever over the preceding year is conspicuous, the same conditions having been encountered throughout the entire State. A campaign of [redacted] against smallpox was instrumental in keeping the disease under control.

Immunizations against diphtheria were carried on by the Santa Clara Medical Society at the request of that society, and no immunizations were done by the health or school departments last year.

The health work in the schools was most extensive, and as a result of physical examinations made by school physicians, a very large number of physical defects were corrected by family physicians.

The reports of the various inspection services of the department indicate a large volume of high-grade work performed. The laboratory not only made routine examinations, but also made a large number of bacterial examinations of restaurant utensils, chemical analyses of milk, water from plunges and water from dairies.

The net cost of the health department was \$18,301, the actual expenditures amounting to \$25,595, offset by revenue from fees in the amount of \$7,293. The health officer enjoyed the full support of the city manager, city council and the various official and unofficial organizations that are active in the maintenance of community health.

A. P. H. A. TO MEET IN MILWAUKEE

The sixty-fourth annual meeting of the American Public Health Association will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 7-10, 1935. This organization is a society of 4500 professional public health workers whose annual sessions review developments in health protection and promotion and outline plans and policies for future advances.

Several related organizations have announced that they will meet simultaneously with the American Public Health Association at Milwaukee. They are:

American Association of School Physicians.

International Association of Dairy and Milk Inspectors.

Conference of State Sanitary Engineers.

International Society of Medical Officers of Health.

Association of Dairy, Food and Drug Officials.

Conference of Wisconsin Health Officers.

Conference of State Laboratory Directors.

Association of Women in Public Health.

The fourth Health Education Institute sponsored and conducted by the American Public Health Association will be held October 4, 5 and 6, prior to the opening of the several conventions. The subject will be "Health Education in Small Cities and Rural Communities."

A health exhibit featuring commercial, scientific and educational displays is a feature of the American Public Health Association annual meetings and will be conducted as usual at Milwaukee.

The preliminary program plans include special sessions on The Role of a Health Department in a Program of Social Security, Mental Hygiene, Professional Education, Veterinary Public Health, Diphtheria Immunization, and a session upon the history and achievements of the association's Committee on Administrative Practice, celebrating its fifteenth anniversary.

The ten sections of the association—Health Officers, Laboratory, Vital Statistics, Public Health Engineering, Industrial Hygiene, Food and Nutrition, Child Hygiene, Public Health Education, Public Health Nursing, Epidemiology—will discuss Pneumonia, Trench Mouth, Syphilis, Measles, Outdoor Bathing Places, Scarlet Fever, Milk Sanitation, Water Sanitation, Foods, Health Education, and many other topics representing the responsibilities of health authorities.

The chairman of the local committee on arrangements is Dr. John P. Koehler, health officer of Milwaukee. The American Public Health Association at 50 West Fiftieth Street, New York City, will be glad to send program outlines on request.

MORBIDITY

Complete Reports for Following Diseases for Week Ending March 16, 1935

Chickenpox

1040 cases: Alameda County 8, Alameda 4, Albany 12, Berkeley 27, Hayward 1, Oakland 120, Piedmont 11, Amador County 2, Butte County 4, Colusa County 1, El Cerrito 1, El Dorado County 3, Fresno County 7, Fresno 14, Eureka 10, Imperial County 5, El Centro 3, Inyo County 7, Kern County 3, Bakersfield 1, Los Angeles County 45, Alhambra 4, Beverly Hills 5, Burbank 1, Claremont 4, Compton 5, Covina 2, El Segundo 2, Glendale 5, Hermosa 4, Inglewood 1, Long Beach 30, Los Angeles 115, Manhattan 1, Montebello 15, Pasadena 9, Pomona 8, Redondo 1, San Gabriel 2, Santa Monica 4, Torrance 2, Lynwood 2, Hawthorne 9, South Gate 1, Monterey Park 1, Madera 2, Larkspur 1, Merced County 4, Monterey County 1, Monterey 1, Orange County 17, Anaheim 3, Brea 6, Fullerton 1, Newport Beach 14, Santa Ana 1, La Habra 1, Tustin 3, Auburn 1, Riverside County 21, Riverside 22, Sacramento County 3, Sacramento 43, Ontario 1, Redlands 3, San Diego County 5, San Diego 104, San Francisco 136, San Joaquin County 13, Stockton 15, San Luis Obispo County 2, Burlingame 4, Daly City 2, San Mateo 3, Santa Barbara 2, Santa Maria 4, Santa Clara County 10, Gilroy 1, Palo Alto 13, San Jose 13, Sunnyvale 4, Willow Glen 15, Santa Cruz County 2, Santa Cruz 1, Watsonville 1, Benicia 1, Vallejo 3, Stanislaus County 5, Newman 1, Turlock 1, Tulare County 1, Fillmore 5, Yolo County 2.

Diphtheria

42 cases: Oakland 3, Martinez 1, Fresno 1, Westmoreland 1, Los Angeles County 3, Alhambra 1, Los Angeles 15, Napa 1, Orange County 1, Sacramento 1, San Bernardino 2, San Diego 1, San Francisco 1, Arroyo Grande 4, Santa Barbara 2, Sutter County 1, Santa Paula 2, Ventura 1.

German Measles

443 cases: Alameda 1, Berkeley 5, Oakland 2, Butte County 2, Fresno County 12, Fresno 1, Los Angeles County 38, Alhambra 2, Claremont 2, Compton 1, Inglewood 1, Long Beach 7, Los Angeles 31, Pomona 1, Redondo 1, Santa Monica 3, Sierra Madre 1, Whittier 27, Torrance 2, Hawthorne 1, King City 2, Napa 1, Orange County 16, Anaheim 1, Brea 1, Newport Beach 2, Santa Ana 2, Tustin 1, Riverside County 2, Riverside 2, Sacramento 2, Ontario 26, Redlands 2, San Bernardino 1, San Diego County 1, La Mesa 1, San Diego 8, San Francisco 24, San Joaquin County 7, Lodi 1, Manteca 1, Stockton 1, San Luis Obispo County 2, Burlingame 2, Santa Barbara County 2, Santa Barbara 1, Santa Clara County 76, Gilroy 3, Los Gatos 1, Palo Alto 2, San Jose 45, Santa Clara 11, Willow Glen 32, Santa Cruz County 1, Newman 2, Trinity County 14, Ventura County 2, Oxnard 1.

Influenza

219 cases: Kern County 2, Lake County 1, Los Angeles County 23, Alhambra 2, Hermosa 1, Huntington Park 2, Los Angeles 64, Whittier 1, Torrance 1, Hawthorne 1, South Gate 1, Fort Bidwell 1, San Benito County 9, Hollister 24, San Juan Bautista 78, San Bernardino County 2, San Francisco 1, San Luis Obispo 1, Santa Clara County 1, Stanislaus County 2, Tehama County 1.

Malaria

2 cases: California 2.*

Measles

1163 cases: Alameda 1, Berkeley 33, Oakland 5, Butte County 1, Angels Camp 1, Colusa 2, Contra Costa County 1, El Dorado County 1, Richmond 2, Fresno County 10, Fowler 1, Fresno 26, Selma 1, Humboldt County 2, Eureka 97, Kern County 23, Bakersfield 1, Taft 2, Kings County 10, Hanford 24, Los Angeles County 20, Alhambra 2, Claremont 1, Huntington Park 1, Inglewood 1, Long Beach 4, Los Angeles 27, Montebello 2, Santa Monica 1, Torrance 1, Madera County 2, Chowchilla 1, Mariposa County 2, Merced County 9, Los Banos 1, Merced 6, Monterey County 1, Nevada County 1, Orange County 41, Anaheim 76, Brea 3, Fullerton 40, Orange 20, Santa Ana 15, Seal Beach 1, La Habra 1, Placentia 2, Tustin 2, Riverside County 5, Riverside 5, Sacramento County 11, Sacramento 43, San Benito County 14, Hollister 86, San Juan Bautista 4, Chino 13, Ontario 2, San Bernardino County 1, San Diego 5, San Francisco 11, San Joaquin County 75, Lodi 1, Stockton 169, Tracy 1, San Luis Obispo County 58, San Mateo 2, Santa Barbara County 22, Lompoc 1, Santa Barbara 1, Santa Maria 6, Palo Alto 1, San Jose 9, Santa Cruz County 40, Santa Cruz 6, Siskiyou County 2, Benicia 1, Vallejo 1, Stanislaus County 5, Modesto 12, Tehama County 1, Tulare County 8, Lindsay 1, Porterville 1, Sonora 1, Ventura County 5, Santa Paula 1, Ventura 3, Yuba County 1.

Mumps

328 cases: Alameda County 6, Alameda 1, Hayward 5, Oakland 26, Contra Costa County 12, Fresno County 1, Fresno 8, Imperial County 2, Kings County 5, Los Angeles County 2, Burbank 6, Glendale 1, La Verne 1, Long Beach 1, Los Angeles

* Cases charged to "California" represent patients ill before entering the State or those who contracted their illness traveling about the State throughout the incubation period of the disease. These cases are not chargeable to any one locality.

15, Monrovia 1, Pasadena 1, Merced County 3, Placentia 2, Riverside County 1, Sacramento County 1, Sacramento 15, Hollister 4, San Bernardino County 1, San Diego 5, San Francisco 13, San Joaquin County 31, Lodi 24, Stockton 6, Tracy 23, San Luis Obispo County 5, Arroyo Grande 4, San Luis Obispo 8, Santa Barbara County 9, Lompoc 2, Santa Maria 15, Santa Clara County 19, Gilroy 9, Santa Cruz County 5, Santa Cruz 1, Siskiyou County 1, Turlock 1, Tulare County 2, Lindsay 6, Visalia 3, Tuolumne County 9, Sonora 2, Woodland 2, Yuba County 2.

Pneumonia (Lobar)

68 cases: Berkeley 1, Brawley 1, Los Angeles County 16, Alhambra 1, El Monte 1, Los Angeles 25, Montebello 2, Pasadena 1, Lynwood 1, South Gate 1, Merced County 1, Fullerton 1, Santa Ana 1, Riverside 1, Sacramento County 1, Sacramento 3, San Bernardino 2, San Diego 2, San Francisco 1, San Luis Obispo County 1, San Luis Obispo 1, Ventura County 1, Santa Paula 2.

Scarlet Fever

321 cases: Alameda County 1, Alameda 1, Oakland 6, Piedmont 2, Gridley 2, Colusa County 2, Contra Costa County 1, El Dorado County 2, Coalinga 1, Fresno 1, Imperial County 3, El Centro 1, Inyo County 1, Kern County 1, Kings County 1, Lake County 1, Los Angeles County 16, Burbank 2, Compton 1, Glendale 2, Huntington Park 5, Inglewood 3, La Verne 1, Long Beach 1, Los Angeles 90, Pasadena 6, Pomona 3, San Fernando 10, Santa Monica 1, Sierra Madre 1, South Pasadena 1, Lynwood 1, Hawthorne 1, South Gate 2, Bell 1, Marin County 1, Monterey County 1, Napa County 2, Orange County 7, Anaheim 1, Huntington Beach 1, Newport Beach 2, Santa Ana 2, Laguna Beach 1, Tustin 1, Placer County 7, Auburn 1, Riverside County 2, Riverside 1, Sacramento County 7, Sacramento 9, Ontario 1, San Bernardino County 2, San Bernardino 7, San Diego County 2, Coronado 1, National City 1, San Diego 27, San Francisco 19, San Joaquin County 8, Stockton 6, Tracy 1, San Luis Obispo County 2, San Carlos 1, Santa Clara County 4, Los Gatos 2, San Jose 3, Dorris 1, Solano County 1, Benicia 1, Fairfield 2, Sutter County 2, Tulare County 1, Ventura County 1, Santa Paula 1, Ventura 2, Yolo County 1.

Smallpox

10 cases: Los Angeles County 1, Compton 1, Los Angeles 3, San Gabriel 2, Riverside County 1, California 2.*

Typhoid Fever

5 cases: Berkeley 1, Calexico 1, Bakersfield 1, Sacramento County 2.

Whooping Cough

163 cases: Alameda County 1, Berkeley 6, Oakland 2, Piedmont 3, Antioch 3, Los Angeles County 1, Burbank 1, Glendale 2, Huntington Park 1, Los Angeles 15, Santa Monica 1, Whittier 1, Hawthorne 2, Orange County 11, Anaheim 2, Fullerton 1, Newport Beach 3, Santa Ana 25, Tustin 6, Riverside County 1, Corona 1, San Diego County 1, San Diego 1, San Francisco 9, Manteca 1, Stockton 7, Paso Robles 2, San Luis Obispo 5, San Mateo County 1, Menlo Park 1, Lompoc 1, Santa Barbara 20, Santa Maria 2, Santa Clara County 4, Palo Alto 15, San Jose 2, Santa Clara 1, Ventura 1.

Meningitis (Epidemic)

4 cases: El Monte 1, Sacramento 1, Santa Clara 1, Yuba County 1.

Dysentery (Amoebic)

9 cases: Los Angeles 2, Ontario 6, Santa Barbara County 1.

Dysentery (Bacillary)

1 case: Pasadena.

Pellagra

1 case: Los Angeles.

Poliomyelitis

9 cases: Los Angeles County 2, Los Angeles 5, Pasadena 1, Porterville 1.

Paratyphoid Beta

1 case: Berkeley.

Trichinosis

2 cases: Oakland 1, Sacramento 1.

Botulism

1 case: Los Angeles.

Undulant Fever

2 cases: Azusa 1, Los Angeles 1.

Tularemia

1 case: Merced County.

Actinomycosis

1 case: Los Angeles.

Septic Sore Throat (Epidemic)

1 case: Paso Robles.

Rabies (Animal)

28 cases: Berkeley 2, Alhambra 1, Los Angeles 5, Madera County 3, Madera 8, Monterey County 2, Monterey 1, La Mesa 1, San Diego 3, San Joaquin County 1, Stockton 1.